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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of: **HONMA, Itaru et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1752**

Serial No.: **10/038,875**

Examiner: **HOA VAN LE**

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**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6435**

For: **PROTON-CONDUCTING MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
AND FUEL CELL USING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**May 19, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 20, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: